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Berend HOUWEN, *et al.*

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For: **METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING AND COUNTING LEUKOCYTES**

August 22, 2002

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2002, hereby extending the period for response from July 22, 2002 until August 22, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed with an executed certificate of mailing on or before August 22, 2002. See 37 CFR §1.8. A check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee for a large entity pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is enclosed herewith.

It is not believed that this response occasions any other fee, but should there be any such fee, please charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4467.

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Please amend the application as follows: